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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S PLANNED TRAVEL

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES AMBASSADOR'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDINBURGH AND CHICAGO MEETINGS, BUT REGRETS CAN MEET FUNDING REQUESTS ONLY IN LIMITED MEASURE.

2. CU FOREIGN LECTURER FUNDS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF BRINGING FOREIGN LECTURERS TO THE U.S. NEITHER CU NOR USIA/ICS HAVE FUNDS FOR PER DIEM OR TRAVEL TO EDINBURGH. (CU/AF IS OFFERING ONLY TO FUND JALLOH OR YADI TRAVEL AND PER DIEM WITHIN U.S.)

3. AF/EX JUNE 30 LETTER DEALT EXCLUSIVELY WITH AF BUREAU

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FUNDING AND DID NOT MENTION DISCUSSING SITUATION WITH PA.

AF HAS NO OBJECTION TO AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE FROM CAMEROON TO PARTICIPATE IN IPSA AND APSA CONFERENCES. HOWEVER, REGIONAL BUREAUS DO NOT BUDGET FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING ACTIVITY.

4. AF BUREAU POLICY ON COM TRAVEL IS ESTABLISHED IN AF REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 226, OF FEBRUARY 27, 1976, WHICH STATES THAT CHIEFS OF MISSION ARE NORMALLY PERMITTED TO RETURN TO THE U.S. AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE ONCE A YEAR. THE AMBASSADOR VISITED THE U.S. AT USG EXPENSE AS RECENTLY AS MAY. AND, SINCE THERE ARE NO PRESSING SUBSTANTIVE REASONS TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION TO THE ABOVE POLICY, AF FEELS THERE IS INSUFFICIENT JUSTIFICATION FOR TRAVEL ORDERS REQUESTED IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL. AF WILL FUND 5 DAYS PER DIEM IN WASHINGTON SHOULD AMBASSADOR COME TO THE U.S. IN CONJUNCTION WITH R AND R OR PRIVATELY.

5. AS INDICATED BY AMBASSADOR REINHARDT, PA WILL AUTHORIZE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM WASHINGTON-CHICAGO-WASHINGTON TO PARTICIPATE IN BICENTENNIAL APSA CONVENTION FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO 5. MICHAEL O'BRIEN, SPEAKERS DIVISION (PA/PP/S) WILL BE ACTION OFFICER. NORMAL PROCEDURE IS FOR PA TO PROVIDE TRAVEL ORDERS AND TICKETING ON AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL IN D.C. PA WILL, ON REQUEST, MAKE NECESSARY AIRLINE AND CHICAGO HOTEL RESERVATIONS, BUT AT ANY RATE NEEDS TO KNOW DESIRED FLIGHT SCHEDULE FROM D.C. TO CHICAGO AND FROM CHICAGO TO NEXT DESTINATION. PA WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS FOR AMBASSADOR IN CHICAGO. SHOULD AMBASSADOR APPROVE, PA NEEDS TOPICS HE IS WILLING TO COVER AND TIMES HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR MEDIA APPOINTMENTS. ACTION OFFICER FOR MEDIA APPOINTMENTS, JULIA MOORE (PA/MS), WILL THEN CABLE SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS AND APPROVAL. ROBINSON

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